

## Ocotillo District Weekly Update

July 24, 2015



### Welcome to the Ocotillo District Weekly Update!

I invite you to my Mobile Office hours during the month of August:

- **Monday, August 3** from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Glendale Community Center, 5401 W. Ocotillo Rd. At this meeting city staff and representatives from Valley Metro will make a brief presentation on high-capacity transit service (light-rail). The presentation will take place at **5:30 p.m.** A more thorough presentation will take place in September with the opportunity for questions and comments. Date and location to be announced.
- **Monday, August 31** from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Bakery By Chef Tom, 5835 W. Palmdale Ave., Suite E.

Please feel free to stop by. No appointment is necessary. For more information, please call 623-930-2878.

**Please Note:** Due to the Labor Day Holiday on September 7, I will not host Mobile Office Hours in September.

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## Valley Metro West Phoenix/Central Glendale High Capacity Transit Study Information

### What is the timeline for the West Phoenix/Central Glendale Project?

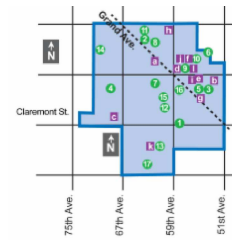
As you may know, Valley Metro has a study underway to identify transit options to connect downtown Glendale to the light rail system. The project is scheduled for operations in 2026, but critical decisions are being made in the current study to determine a route and type of transit (light rail or bus rapid transit). That study will conclude in early 2016 with a vote by the Glendale and Phoenix City Councils. We want to hear from you! To learn more about the project and how you can provide input, visit [valleymetro.org/Glendale](http://valleymetro.org/Glendale).

**Residents Reminded Standing Water Invites Mosquitos.** With three months of monsoon activity still ahead of us this summer, the city of Glendale reminds residents to watch for standing water and to protect their homes and families against mosquitos and diseases such as West Nile virus.

Two confirmed cases were reported in Maricopa County on June 21, 2015. In 2014, 108 cases of West Nile virus were reported among Arizona residents. Standing water, even in the shallowest containers, acts as a breeding ground for mosquitos, so follow these essential preventive measures to fight the bite:

- Reduce the number of mosquitos around your home. Mosquitos breed in standing water and their eggs will hatch within days after it rains. Check your yard once a week after it rains, get rid of containers that aren't being used, empty water from flower pots, change water in bird baths, and check for any leaky water equipment.
- Report any pools in your neighborhood that are not being maintained properly. Occupied homes should be reported to Glendale's Code Compliance Division at 623-930-3610; unoccupied homes should be reported to the county at 602-506-0700.
- Reduce the number of mosquito bites you get. Make a habit of using insect repellent when outdoors. Repellents should be used according to the label instructions.
- Prime mosquito-biting hours are usually dusk to dawn. Pay special attention to protection during these hours, or avoid being outdoors.

The Maricopa County Environmental Services Division monitors mosquito activity throughout the county. It also responds to all complaints related to green pools, stagnant water, dead birds and of course mosquitos.



**Glendale Fire De  
Helps Kids Get B  
with Supplies.** Gl  
Firefighters are kick  
2015 Back to School  
Drive to benefit low  
children attending  
Glendale. Their goal  
backpacks with the  
needed for these kids  
successful.

Now until August 1  
encouraging the public  
school supplies at  
Fire Station. In addition  
be at Target on 43rd  
Peoria (10404 N 43rd  
Aug. 1 & 8 with the  
truck collecting supplies  
handing out stickers  
coming to the store

Businesses, community  
individuals who want to  
support this event  
Cecil Tudor, President  
Glendale Fire Charities  
[glendalefirecharities.org](http://glendalefirecharities.org)  
or call (928)300-0000

**City Uses Arena  
to Reward Summer**  
The Glendale City  
announced the city  
for the Hello Kitty  
Friendship Festival  
River Arena will be

Residents can get more information or report issues to the county through a hotline, 602-506-0700, or online at [www.maricopa.gov/wnv/](http://www.maricopa.gov/wnv/). Additional information and resources are available on Glendale's website, as well, at [www.glendaleaz.com/environmentalresources/publichealth.cfm#WestNile](http://www.glendaleaz.com/environmentalresources/publichealth.cfm#WestNile).

## Coming Up

### Glendale to Host More Public Meetings on Anti-Discrimination

**Ordinance.** The city of Glendale will hold two public meetings this month, to allow residents an opportunity to share their thoughts on whether the city should adopt an anti-discrimination ordinance. An ordinance, if adopted, would protect the rights of Glendale citizens and visitors from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations. The possible ordinance would prohibit discrimination based on a person's age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital or family status, Veteran status or disability.

The upcoming meetings follow two similar meetings held in June. One of those June meetings was geared towards hearing feedback from Glendale residents. The other focused on feedback from Glendale businesses.

#### July Public Meeting Schedule:

- **Saturday, July 25, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Sign in begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.**
- **Thursday, July 30, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sign in begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa, (Solana Ballroom A), 9495 W. Coyotes Blvd.**

For special accommodations or interpreter assistance, please contact the City Manager's Office at (623)930-2870 at least one business day prior to any of the above noted meetings. TDD (623)930 2197. If you cannot attend any of the meetings but would like to offer input, you can leave comments on a recorded phone line at 623-930-2255. The city has also set up a special email address to receive written comments. That email address is [GlendaleFeedback@GlendaleAZ.com](mailto:GlendaleFeedback@GlendaleAZ.com).

Please know, all written and spoken comments will become part of the official record of public input for this process. For more information please contact the Glendale City Manager's Office at 623-930 2870. [Anti-Discrimination Ordinance Fact Sheet](#)

**Coffee with a Cop.** Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood on the following dates:

Glendale libraries participants in the reading program.

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For more informat Glendale's librari array of programs [www.glendaleaz.c](http://www.glendaleaz.c)

August 5 at 6 p.m.  
McDonald's  
6762 W. Camelback Rd.

August 19 at 10 a.m.  
Glendale Community Center (YWCA)  
5401 W. Ocotillo Road.

For more information call Crime Prevention Specialist Doreen Anderson, 623-695-0440.

**Glendale Offers Residents Free HOA Training.** The City of Glendale is continuing its partnership with Mulcahy Law Firm to offer another HOA Academy this fall to residents. This unique opportunity provides Glendale residents and HOA leaders an opportunity to learn about relevant issues facing neighborhoods and learn answers from specialists in the field.

This training will be taught by HOA attorneys from the Mulcahy Law Firm, P.C., along with the Glendale Police Crime Prevention Department. The classes are free to Glendale residents and only \$20 for non-residents.

The curriculum for this four week series is derived from top concerns and requests made by Glendale HOA leaders, including:

- How to Handle Rentals in Community Associations and How to Build "Community" in HOAs
- Does your Association have Drones? Nuisance Issues in the Association
- Budgeting for Community Associations - Audits, Compilations, Reviews - Contracts
- Safety, Crime and Vandalism Prevention

The classes will be held at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. on Tuesdays, from October 13 to November 3, from 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Registration for the HOA training is currently open. Early registration is encouraged as only a limited number of seats are available. To register, contact Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services at 623-930-2820 or sign up online at [www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation) and use code # 474099-03.

## Fun All Summer Long!

**Downtown Glendale Shows Animals (and Their Humans) a Dog-Gone Good Time on August 1.** Dog lovers will gather in downtown



Glendale for the city's annual Dog Days of Summer event, from 7-10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1.

The city's sixth annual event will celebrate this popular event with interactive fun activities, pet wellness information, Glendale PD K-9 demonstration, animal adoptions and shopping in Murphy Park. New this year, the event will feature the debut of the Glendale "Paw-sker" Awards, a talent show of sorts, to recognize tricky pets in the following categories: Best Trick; Best Kisser; Best Hair; and the Wildest Tail Wagger. Awards will be given in each category.

Head to the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) booth located in Murphy Park to start your day, where the first 200 visitors will receive a savings pack, as well as a run-down of the day's activities.

The morning will offer pet owners and their dogs many exhibit booths, with the emphasis on our four-legged friends with everything from frozen doggie treats, wellness information & products, pet food & treats, pet gifts and accessories. As visitors explore the downtown, there will be water and cool pool stations throughout the area for pets. Admission and parking are free. Visitors are encouraged to park in the free covered parking garage located at 58th Avenue and Palmaire.

Additional highlights of the day include:

- Visits with Community K-9 Groups including Glendale's favorite furry employees as the Fire Department's Crisis Response dog Topaz, the Glendale Police Department K-9 team and the Luke Air Force Base K-9 group
- Dr. Kit's Mobile Vet Low Cost Immunizations and Microchips.
- Free Frosty Paw frozen treats for dogs from Papa Ed's Ice Cream at the park for the first 300 dogs
- Photo Booth
- Dog Wash with all proceeds benefiting Sun Valley Animal Shelter
- Caricature Artists
- Sun Valley Animal Shelter Pet Adoption
- Maricopa County Animal Control Pet Adoption
- Pet services, gifts and accessories
- Raffles and prizes

The Dog Days of Summer also includes a donation drive for pet food and supplies to benefit the Sun Valley Animal Shelter.

Visit [www.sunvalleypets.org](http://www.sunvalleypets.org) for a wish list of items needed. For more details on the donation drive and the overall event, check out [www.visitglendale.com](http://www.visitglendale.com) or call the Glendale CVB at 623-930-4500.

The Dog Days of Summer event is sponsored by the Glendale CVB, Papa Ed's Ice Cream, Bitz-ee Mama's, Hot Dogs & Cool Cats, Republic Services, Poop Ninja and Staybridge Suites Glendale.

Glendale has been named by "Dog Fancy" magazine as the Regional Runner-up in their Dog Town USA competition for the canine-friendly communities and businesses.





**New Summer Hours at the Velma Teague Library through Sept. 30, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.** The Velma Teague Library is open longer and earlier this summer! Monday & Thursday: 1 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday & Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday & Sunday: Closed; Saturday: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Westgate Wednesdays!** Come to the Westgate Entertainment District on Wednesday nights for free weekly summer fun! Enjoy music, games, prizes and dancing. Plus, meet your favorite film characters and get a free downloadable photo with them. The weekly Wednesday night events run through July 29 from 6 -7:30 p.m. at Westgate's Fountain Park. The July 29<sup>th</sup> event is Frozen Fiesta with Anna and Elsa. For more information about Westgate Wednesdays, visit [www.westgateaz.com/summer/](http://www.westgateaz.com/summer/).

**Exhibit From Behind The Badge Displayed At Gallery Glendale.** The City of Glendale proudly presents this exhibit of more than 28 compelling images of law enforcement and firefighters from across the state of Arizona, including Glendale Police and Fire Departments. Ziemba's collection, "Stronger Than Steel: The Art of First Response - The Arizona Public Safety Collection", will be on display at **Gallery Glendale** located inside Westgate, **9380 W. Westgate Blvd.**, in the month of **July**. Gallery Glendale is **free** and open to the public on **Fridays and Saturdays from 6 to 9 p.m.**

For more information, call 623-930-3557 or visit [Glendale Gallery](#).

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